

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 11-25 have been withdrawn from consideration, as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.

Election / Restriction

The Examiner has made both a restriction requirement and an election of species requirement. Specifically, the Examiner has required that prosecution of the application be restricted to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I - Claims 1-10, drawn to an active suture; or

Group 2 - Claims 11-25, drawn to a method of closing a wound and/or administering fluid to a wound;

In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicant elects to prosecute the invention of Group I.

In response to the requirement for an election of species, Applicant elect to proceed with the prosecution of claims reading on Species B, as represented in Figures 4B and 4C. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8-10 read on the elected species and claims 1, 2, 4 and 8-10 are generic.

Respectfully submitted,

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